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Petrowski/ Spiros Bill to Assist Hunters Heads to Governor's Desk

Madison, WI... Today, Assembly Bill 314, authored by Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) and Representative John Spiros (R-Marshfield) passed out of the Senate. The bill would allow hunters to utilize a mechanized lift technology as a safer and more convenient alternative to a traditional deer stand.

“This bill opens the door to manufacturers of deer stands to develop safer and more practical solutions for hunters as technology progresses,” said Senator Petrowski. “Assembly Bill 314 has the potential to bring new hunters into the woods and allow elderly hunters to enjoy sporting later in life.”

Current law allows disabled individuals to hunt from a mechanized lift, but does not allow use by able bodied individuals. The bill expands eligibility to use these devices to all hunters.

“Hunting is a sport enjoyed by so many in Wisconsin, and our goal here is to make it as accessible and safe for as many people as possible,” said Representative Spiros. “I truly believe this bill accomplishes that.”

One example of a mechanized lift authorized in this bill is manufactured by Innovative Equipment in Schofield. Their product, the UTX portable scissor lift, attaches to a utility vehicle and safely raises the operator up twelve feet. Companies have been manufacturing these mechanized lifts for years, but because of state law, their uses were limited.

“Innovative Equipment, LLC is thankful for the work that Representative Spiros and Senator Petrowski put forth to help the hunters in Wisconsin,” said Brian Thuot of Innovative Equipment. “The UTX Scissor Lift product allows hunters to reach new heights in locations not normally accessible to all. Plus the UTX is proudly built in Wisconsin so the opportunity to add manufacturing jobs in our state has just been increased.”

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